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Minutes 05/20/2013

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2013
7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Dunn, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro
Also present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

FOR APPROVAL

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2) Appleton Place between Mass. Ave. & Burton St. designated 'One Way' along with the closing of Acton Place
Rev. Dr. Nicholas M. Kastanas, Pastor, St. Athanasius the Great
 - e. Reappointment: Open Space Committee
Patsy Kraemer
(term to expire 6/30/2016)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing

2. Request: Hackney/Taxi Business Operator License (1)
Mohammed Shahjahan d/b/a Airport Car and Van
26 Linden Street, Apt. 1, Medford, MA 02155
(tabled from 4/22/13 and 5/13/13 meetings)

Mr. Byrne moved no action on the hackney/taxi business operator license. SO VOTED (5-0)

3. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established. It should be noted that there is a three minute time limit to present a concern or request.

Elise Fiore, 58 Mott Street appeared before the Board and stated that the Board should not reappoint Mr. Tulimieri to his position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mrs. Fiore stated that to put Mr. Tulimieri back on the ZBA would be damaging for the reputation of our Town.

Jeanne Leary, 425 Summer Street, also Chairman of the Summer Street Neighborhood Association echoed the same sentiments that Mrs. Fiore stated. She stated that she remembers how aghast she was every time she walked out of meetings that were run and the way taxpayers were treated.

John Belskis, 196 Wollaston Avenue, asked if the Board was going to make recommendations to the ZBA Board tonight and Mr. Dunn stated that the appointments would be made either on June 3rd or June 17th. Mr. Dunn stated he was hoping the interviews were taking place the week of May 28th.

Robert Radochia, 45 Columbia Road, asked if it was at all possible that the Town Hall clock could be fixed by the 100th Celebration. Mr. Greeley assured him that it was being taken care of and he was thrilled that it had been addressed.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

4. Vote: Transportation Advisory Committee

a) Recommendations for Intersection of Mass. Ave./Mill St./Jason St.

Jeff Maxtutis, TAC Co-Chair

The Special Permit for the new CVS store on Massachusetts Avenue provided funds to improve the above intersection if the funds are committed by October 19, 2015. The TAC has studied this intersection and the study suggests that the following recommendations would significantly improve overall safety and operations as described in the report. The TAC voted the following recommendations unanimously on February 13, 2013:

1. Modify Mill Street southbound to have an exclusive left turn and a shared through/right turn lane.
2. Modify Jason Street northbound to have an exclusive right turn lane and a shared left/through lane.
3. Add a new signal controller with split signal phasing so that traffic from Mill Street and Jason Street runs separately with no conflicts.
4. Provide a 3-second advance for pedestrians crossing Mass. Avenue concurrent with vehicles turning right from Jason Street and Mill Street.
5. Provide pedestrian countdown timers and audible alerts for pedestrian crossings.
6. Slightly reduce the width of the Jason Street traffic island to accommodate two northbound approach lanes.
7. Provide a bi-modal green/yellow left arrow for the Mass. Avenue eastbound approach.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

The Board asked that the Parking Subcommittee look at eliminating one or all of the parking spaces in front of Holovak & Coughlin Sporting Goods Store. Mrs. Mahon and Mrs. Krepelka will arrange a meeting in the next few weeks.

b) Recommendations for Stop Sign Control on Lockeland Ave. @ Wildwood Ave. and Field Rd. @ Wildwood Ave.

Howard Muise, TAC Co-Chair

The Board of Selectmen requested TAC to address the issue of Stop Sign Control at two adjacent intersections - Lockeland Avenue at Wildwood Avenue and Field Road at Wildwood Avenue. After viewing the site and based on their observations, TAC voted the following recommended actions at these two locations:

1. Install a Stop Sign and Stop Bar on Wildwood Avenue WB approach at Lockeland Ave.
Install All-Way Stop placards on each approach.
2. Install a Stop Bar on the Wildwood Avenue EB approach to Lockeland Avenue.
3. Install Stop Signs and Stop Bars on both Field Road approaches to
Wildwood Avenue.

Mr. Greeley asked Mr. Muise if cutting the hedges would help and Mr. Muise agreed. Mr. Chapdelaine will look into cutting the hedges and shrub.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Parking Study Results

Howard Muise, TAC Co-Chair

The Capital Planning Committee allocated \$30,000 for a parking study in FY 2014. The recommendation of TAC and the Planning staff is to hire a consultant to conduct further study of parking in Arlington Center using the data already collected. Goals of the study are to identify the following:

- a. Existing usage patterns
- b. Existing revenues and costs to maintain the town center parking supply
- c. Potential measure to manage the existing parking supply more efficiently
- d. User-friendly long-term parking for employees
- e. Convenient parking for customers
- f. Alternatives for pricing, including free parking, for various locations to meet the two previous goals
- g. Revenues and costs associated with various pricing alternatives
- h. Appropriate time limits for various locations
- i. Measures to reduce parking demand where possible, with strategies such as "park once", promoting alternative modes such as transit, bicycles and walking

Prior to adoption of a Parking Plan, they asked the Board to consider the following at Russell Common Municipal Parking Lot:

- a. Improving directional signage to public parking and internal signage identifying types and locations of spaces in lots.
- b. Making all on-street spaces two-hour spaces

Mr. Curro thanked the Committee profusely stating this is such a timely issue; he feels we're going to get there. Mr. Greeley thanked the Committee for the wonderful job they have done.

Mr. Dunn also thanked the Committee for their valuable service to the Town.

Mr. Byrne and Mrs. Mahon also echoed the praises of the other Board members.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. For Approval: Arlington Alive Summer Arts Block Party

Joseph A. Curro, Jr., Selectman

Mr. Curro asked the Board to approve the Arlington Alive Summer Arts Block Party scheduled for Saturday, July 13th with a rain date of Sunday, July 14th. The block party is envisioned to take place on portions of Broadway and Alton Street. Broadway would be blocked off from Franklin Street to Massachusetts Avenue. Access to Alton Street would likewise be restricted from the end of the first business blocks, allowing access to driveways behind these buildings. Restricted access will accommodate the installation of artist booths and a limited number of food vendor stands. Portions of Broadway Plaza would also be utilized for performances and information booths, but sidewalks in front of businesses would not be obstructed.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Greeley moved that the parking fees for the Russell Common Parking Lot and the areas in the vicinity of the block party be waved.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Discussion: Selectmen Awards

Kevin F. Greeley, Selectman

Mr. Greeley moved that the slate submitted by the Awards Committee be approved along with Mr. Curro's and his recommendation.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved that said Awards Celebration be held on Thursday, June 27th at Town Hall.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. Discussion: Goal Setting Session

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine suggested the Board meet on Saturday, June 29th at 8:30 a.m. in the Manager's Conference Room to discuss Goals for 2014.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Elaine Crowder Commercial Area: Summer Street @ Forest Street Be Rec'd
2 Glenbrook Lane

Peter Hedlund Sign Requests Be Rec'd
Via Request/Answer Center

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence received.

SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business

Mrs. Mahon stated she has spoken to Daniel Hunt from DCR regarding her concerns about the Sunnyside Avenue area. Since last June 2012 they had promised to fill, regrade and seed/plant all truck ruts and surrounding areas, regrade and finish placing/restoring stone dust along entire pathway between Broadway to Mystic Valley Parkway and remove knotwood around new plantings by Broadway entrance. As of today, they have not met all their promises. As the Board knows, the Town Manager, Representative Garballey, Mrs. Mahon and others met with the Commissioner last June and, hopefully, this can be resolved soon. She will keep the Board up-to-date on the progress.

Mrs. Mahon stated it was her understanding that the Symmes Project would have 22 affordable units for individuals and families who qualify for the affordable housing program. This would also include Town Employees who qualify. She asked if the Town Manager could confirm this with the Planning Department.

Mrs. Mahon stated that she has received several inquiries regarding the Master Plan and feels people are confused that it is the Mass Avenue project. She would like to see more advertisement and website notices stating it is a committee to discuss what the vision of Arlington will be like in twenty years.

Mr. Byrne stated that the Master Plan Committee meets the 1st Thursday of every month and has planned for the following public sessions:

June 1st 12:30 p.m. at Arlington High School Cafeteria
June 4th 8:15 a.m. at Cambridge Savings Bank in Arlington Heights
June 5th 7:00 p.m. at the Hardy School Cafeteria

He is very happy the way the Committee is going.

Mr. Greeley stated there is going to be a fundraiser for the Boston Marathon bombing victims - husband and wife Patrick & Jessica Downes who each lost a leg in the bombing. All proceeds will go directly to Patrick & Jessica. Pear Tree Hair Design, 199 Broadway, is having a Cut-A-Thon on June 2nd from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. They would prefer that you call for an appointment at 781-646-0033. They will accept cash and checks only.

Mr. Greeley also stated that today, Monday, May 20th, Selectman Curro dressed up as "Clifford the Big Red Dog" at the Children's Program held at the Robbins Library. Mr. Greeley was hoping that he would wear his outfit to the Selectmen's Meeting for everyone to see. Mr. Greeley also wants to remind residents that the Centennial Celebration of Arlington Town Hall and Gardens is Friday, June 7th starting at 5:30 p.m. with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets may be purchased from the Leader Banks, Patsy Kramer and the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Dunn spoke regarding his quote in the Sunday Globe about the Minuteman Superintendent. He stated that he is focused on the rebuilding of the Minuteman Facility and the restructuring of the original agreement. He feels it is up to the Minuteman School Board to address the procurement issued and Mr. Bouquillon's contract and not the Arlington Board of Selectmen.

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator
Next meeting of the BOS on June 3, 2013

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